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LEARNING CW

As I stated in the first edition of the LARC that I edited, my goal for this year is to learn CW. CW seems to be a dying part of the hobby, but it shouldn't be. There are numerous reasons I am planning to learn CW. You can get further on less power, get away from the crowded phone bands, it is just plain interesting, etc.

I have not completely begun my journey, but I can tell you the route I am taking in case you would like to learn as well. There are numerous ways to learn CW but it is suggested to avoid the popular tree method or counting dits and dahs. If you learn this way it will be very hard to get really good (not impossible). The preferred methods are Farnsworth and Koch methods. I have been using the Morse Mania app on my phone to help in my journey and I have recently joined the Long Island CW club. Your path to learn CW may take you a different direction. There are numerous online resources available to help you on your journey. I hope you will join me in trying to learn this fading art.

-Brad K5NFB

DATES TO RE-
MEMBER

- General Meeting
Candyland Cottage
Apr. 7 at 7PM
- Louisiana QSO Party
Apr. 2
- AARA Training Day POTA
Apr. 9 at 9am
- License fee goes into
effect
Apr. 19

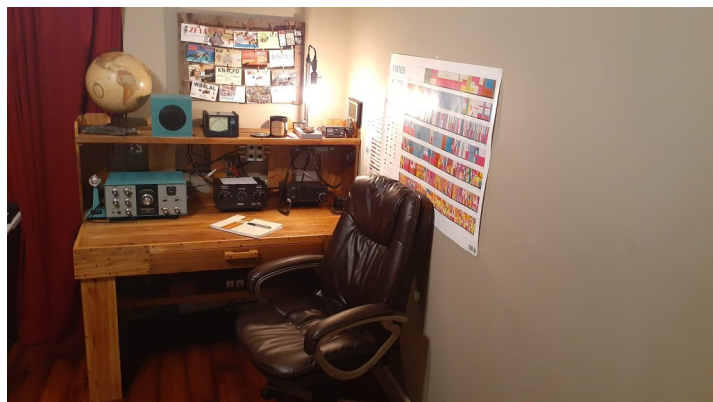
FEE IMPLEMENTATION

If you have been putting off getting your license upgrade or getting that vanity call sign you only have a few more days before there will be a fee for all all license upgrades and vanity call sign applications. On April 19th the new \$35 fee will be implemented.

There is still time and there are still options available. AARA will have a testing session at the general meeting on April 7th and if that does not fit into your schedule there are online options available at GLAARG.org.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT- BARRETT OGE -KG5SSO

1. How long have you been a member of the AARA? 5 years
2. Why did you get into Ham Radio? It's something I wanted to get into as a kid. The ability to refract signals off the ionosphere around the world is what had me. Not having the money as a kid and struggling to learn morse code, it got put on the back burner at a point. All these years later I stumbled across a add for a ham radio on amazon. Like a blast from the past I thought about something I hadn't in years. Started studying again for the test and here I am.
3. What's your AARA event and why? Would have to be field day because everyone gets a chance to practice or try out their portable ops they've been working on.
4. What's the best piece of Ham Radio advice you've ever received? Some advice I can remember from online is just to get your antenna up and have fun. Fun is a state of mind so you can't get caught up thinking you have to be able to afford this or that to be worth it. Fun can be had with even the most modest setup.
5. What is your favorite mode of operation? CW
6. What is your most memorable Ham Radio contact? Would be my first hf contact the next day after passing my general. It was with a guy from Puerto Rico
7. What's something about you not many people may know? I enjoy doing a little wood working like the operating desk in the picture
8. What was the last book you read? I don't really read many books but I do have a 1942 ARRL handbook. It's interesting to see the old antique sales papers inside.
9. If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? hmmm maybe a ribeye and sweet potato



Barrett's Home Station and Homemade Station Desk



Barrett operating CW at Winter Field Day 2022

SILENT KEYS

Sadly we have a Silent Key that has been reported. It is always sad to hear of Ham Radio Operators who have sent their last 73. Please give your thoughts and prayers to the family of Anthony Lee Campisi KG5TON. Anthony went Silent Key on Feb. 20, 2022.

LOCAL NETS

AARA Monday Night Net

Each Monday at 7:00 PM

146.82 Repeater

Silent Key Memorial Net

Each Wednesday at 7:00PM

146.82 Repeater

SKYWARN Net

Each Tuesday at 7:00 PM

147.040 Repeater

Rag Chew Net

Each Thursday at 8:00 PM

443.000 Repeater

All amateurs are
welcome and
encouraged to
check into these
Nets

VE TEST SESSION RESULTS

February:

Steven Taylor (KI5TQE)– Technician

Terrell Lemoine (N5BBX)– Extra

March:

There were no new hams or upgrades for the month of March



April 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

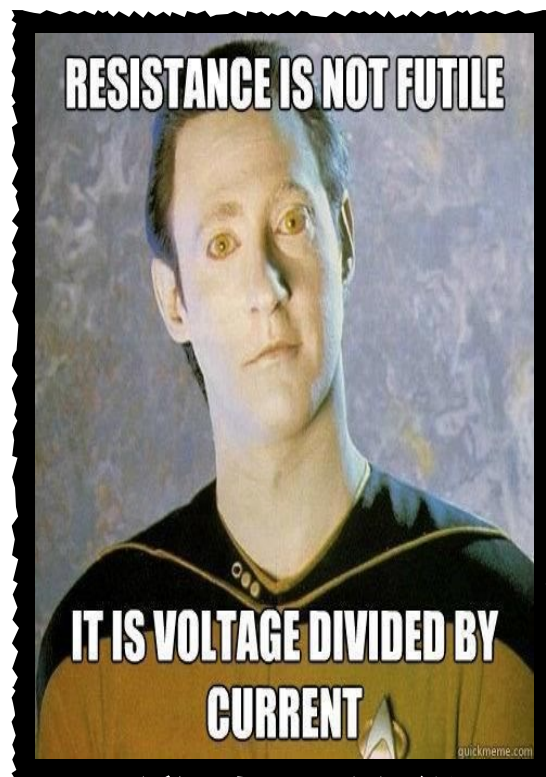
					1	2 <i>Louisiana QSO Party</i>
3	4	5	6 <i>Arnold-KE5JXC</i>	7 <i>Test Session 6PM Club Meeting 7Pm</i>	8 <i>Galen-KF5BET</i>	9 <i>AARA Training Day POTA</i>
10	11 <i>Skip-AB5SB</i>	12	13 <i>Dave-N4ELM</i>	14	15	16 <i>Ric-KF5KEL</i>
17	18	19 <i>FCC FEE</i>	20	21 <i>Abbigail-KF5BEW</i>	22	23 <i>Brandon-KG5LQM</i>
24	25	26	27 <i>Mike-KA5COL Pat-KG5YFR</i>	28	29	30

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